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ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

TREASURER, SELECTMEN,

NEW HAMPSHIRE
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Superintending School Committee

OF THE

TOWN OF BEDFORD,

FOR THE

Year Ending March, 1863.

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TREASURER'S REPORT.

The Treasurer charges himself as follows:

By Assets from Treasurer of 1861,	$1611	72
Literary Fund,	89	37
Refunded by the State as paid families of volunteers,	268	00
Town tax for 1862,	1597	20
Received of the County, by L. C. French, 2nd,	61	40
Received of Wm. McAllaster, cash found on the person of A. Harris,	3	00
Received of Wm. McAllaster for lumber sold to A. Fosdick,	22	00
Railroad tax,	119	69
Received of the County by Wm. McAllaster,	74	40
Auction bills collected,	413	97
Received of Wm. McAllaster, for auction bills collected,	46	24
Rent of town hall,	9	00
	$4315	99

The Treasurer credits himself as follows:

Cr. by Adam Campbell's note,	$52	53
Joseph H. Stevens' note,	4	00
Paid as State aid to families of volunteers since March 1, 1862,	1180	15
Paid on Town orders,	1221	02
Due from collector for 1862,	1151	29
Cash on hand	707	00
	$4315	99

Amount paid on orders and for State aid, $2401 17

Leaving in the Treasury assets amounting to $1914 82

All of which is respectfully submitted,

JAMES T. KENDALL, TREASURER.

Bedford, March 2, 1863.

SELECTMEN'S REPORT.

The whole amount of expenditures for which bills have been paid and orders drawn the past year is $2185 54
This sum does not include the State and County taxes, which were paid by the Collector to the State and County Treasurers, amounting to $1042 82
Which, added to the expenditures, am'ts to 3227 36

Account of orders for incidental expenses for the years 1862-3.

OLD ORDERS.

A. Chandler, for use of wat'g trough,	3	00	
Moody M. Stevens, break'g roads,	10	90	
" " non-res. highway tax, worked out,	1	53	
E. H. Hardy, repairs of highway,	12	40	
" " break'g rds., non-res. tax,	22	03	
			$49 86

Orders for incidental expenses in 1862.

L. B. Bowman, services as selectman in 1861-2,	56	25
Wm. McAllaster, do do	32	05
Hugh R. French, do do	30	15
Gage & Farnsworth, print'g reports,	18	00
D. Barnard, repairs of town house,	5	00
" taking care of "	3	00
Haines & Wallace, lumber, "	24	42
Rev. Thomas Savage, services as Superintending school committee,	40	00
J. T. Kendall, services as treas. '61-2,	20	00
Benj. Hall, " Town Clerk,	20	00
John P. Conner, constable,	5	00
J. T. Kendall, pd. S. Ferguson's note,	220	05
Wm. McAllaster, for stationery,	4	63
H. R. Barnard, putting up guide post,	1	00
J. T. Kendall, paid interest on N. Flint's note,	24	00
J. T. Kendall, abatement of taxes on his list for 1861,		40
Wm. McAllaster, paid for coll's book,		75
J. G. Holbrook, painting guide boards,	4	00
Wm. McAllaster, int. Amoskeag bank,	5	60

L. C. French, 2d, moving goods from Town farm to Town house, for guide posts, boards and putting stone monuments on town lines,	9	00	
L. C. French, auction bills and expenses to Concord,	10	47	
Wm. McAllaster, paid Parker and Johnson's bill for counsel,	4	00	
Wm. McAllaster, for stationery and check-list blanks,	1	66	
Lorenzo Carr, over tax, 1862,	2	43	
T. F. Kendall, fixing iron rods for town hall,	2	50	
J. T. Kendall, abatement of non-resident highway taxes,	16	25	
J. T. Kendall, abatement of over tax on his list of 1862,	31	44	
J. T. Kendall, abat't W. Bachelder's poll tax,	1	71	
J. T. Kendall, abatement A. Wallace and F. A. Noyes N. R. tax,		98	
Elvira Walker, care of pall cloth,	1	00	
J. H. Lord, worked N. R. tax,	1	20	
J. T. Kendall, paid express,		38	
R. Fulton, for stationery,		20	
J. T. Kendall, cash paid for recording N. R. taxes at Concord,	2	00	
J. T. Kendall, collecting taxes for 1862,	70	00	
Daniel Mack, abatement of taxes,		92	
James Darrah, " of over tax for 1862,	4	00	
James T. Kendall, for collecting auction bills,	4	00	
James T. Kendall, abatement of taxes,	1	05	
L. C. French, 2d, cash paid B. King,	2	00	
G. W. Riddle, services and money expended in enlisting soldiers,	22	00	
Joseph H. Stevens, abatement of taxes, 1857 and '58	19	05	
Joseph H. Stevens, perambulating town lines,	1	50	
			773 90

HIGHWAYS AND BRIDGES.

Hugh R. French, repairs on Boynton bridge,	40	
W. I. Batchelder, on county road,	4 65	
I. H. Johnson, repairs of highway,	1 50	
S. Goffe, plank and lumber on highway,	8 00	
I. C. Cutler, plank for bridge,	1 00	
L. C. French, 2d, labor on N. B. road,	5 75	
William Cada, labor on county road,	2 00	
J. S. McNeil, labor and plank for highway,	3 40	
G. B. Shattuck, labor on county road,	11 25	
L. C. French, 2d, labor on Gilmore hill,	80	
Geo. W. Riddle, labor on Boynton bridge,	75	
		813 40

COUNTY PAUPERS.

W. McAllaster, paid for Jackson family,	19 27	
" " "	4 39	
" " "	7 68	
W. McAllaster, carrying Caroline Clough to county farm,	2 00	
L. C. French, 2d, Dr. Carr's bill for John Campbell,	3 00	
G. E. Woodbury, bill for Jackson family,	50 40	
J. D. Armstrong, support of Caroline Clough,	26 00	

TOWN PAUPERS.

J. D. Armstrong, for C. Clough,	6 29	
A. Robie, for support of John George,	31 25	
H. J. Plummer, for support of John George,	44 00	
		1,007 68

BREAKING ROADS, 1861-2.

L. J. Woodbury,	7 15	A. E. Boyce,	4 80
A. McAffee,	5 10	Wm. McAllaster,	3 05
Wm. Moore, 2d	12 15	G Nevins,	10 70
Geo. W. Riddle,	5 70	N. Flint,	6 00
J. H. Lord,	18 05	E. Heald,	13 70
F. Hodgman,	16 70	F. Jenkins,	6 80
P. Butterfield,	5 70	J. H. McAffee,	3 00
T. G. Holbrook,	19 14	D. J. Worthley,	10 00
Wm. McAllaster,	8 20	F. Wright,	2 00
W. I. Batchelder,	15 70	Alfred Jones,	13 60
T. W. Moore, jr.	3 40		
S. M. Swett,	22 70		1,221 02

TOWN DEBT, MARCH 1, 1863.

Date of Notes.	To whom payable.	Interest due.	Amount.
Jan. 19, 1858.	A. Houston, - -	5 73	83 65
Oct. 18, "	Charles Gage, - -	16 69	200 00
April 12, 1859.	N. Flint, - -	21 26	400 00
" " "	W. A. Flint, - -	127 16	500 00
June 4, 1862.	J. A. McGaw, - -	7 30	421 00
Sept. 2, "	William McAllaster,	14 92	500 00
Oct. 6, "	Leonard French, -	31 42	1,300 00
" 22, "	Nathaniel Flint, -	5 37	250 00
" " "	Daniel Swett, -	6 45	300 00
" " "	Andrew C. Giles, -	4 30	200 00
Nov. 1, "	Nathaniel Flint, -	7 00	350 00
March 1, 1863,	Leonard C. French, 2d		306 26
		$247 60	$4,810 91

Principal and interest due on borrowed money,	$5,058 51
Due Town Officers and other expenditures for which orders have not been given,	325 00
	$5,383 51
Available means in the hands of the Selectmen, - - - - - -	2,539 42
Available means in the hands of the Treasurer, - - - - - -	1,914 82
	$4,454 24
Leaving the town in debt to the amount of	$929 27

Due from the State for aid to wives and mothers of vol-

unteers, 1,038 23, which if paid would leave a balance in favor of the town, of $108 96.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

WILLIAM McALLASTER,
L. C. ERENCH, 2nd,
ROBERT FULTON.
} Selectmen of Bedford.

PROPORTION OF SCHOOL MONEY FOR 1862.

District No. 1,	79 71	District No. 8,	97 05
" No. 2,	113 45	" No. 9,	52 15
" No. 3,	84 07	" No. 10,	76 28
" No. 4,	141 34	" No. 11,	30 38
" No. 5,	58 79	" No. 12,	56 75
" No. 6,	74 14	Union,	16 67
" No. 7,	83 74		
			$964 52

Money borrowed to pay soldier's bounty,		$3,200 00
Paid 32 soldiers,	1,600 00	
8 "	1,600 00	
		$3,200 00
Sale of Town Farm,	5,000 00	
Sale of Personal property,	1,065 63	
		$6065 63
Due on Farm,	2,000 00	
Paid John A. McGaw,	3,000 00	
Paid into Treasury,	485 21	
Paid Benj. King,	141 00	
Notes and accounts on hand,	439 42	
		$6,065 63
Interest now due on notes,		$100 00

REPORT OF SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

DISTRICT NO. 1.

The summer school was taught by Miss Asenath H. Riddle. Length of term, 10 weeks; whole number of scholars, 13; average attendance, 10; wages of teacher per month, including board, $13.

The scholars in this District are small, and for this reason, we could not expect that they would be as still and quiet, as those who are more advanced in years. I was able to see at the opening of the school, that the teacher's time would be fully occupied in attending to the wants of those under her instruction. As this was Miss Riddle's first attempt, in the capacity of a teacher, she could not commence with tried and accepted plans of action; yet she labored for the improvement and welfare of those under her direction. I noticed particularly at the closing examination, two little boys who ought to receive the commendation of those who heard them; their exercise in reading would have done credit to those of riper years. The school manifested a degree of improvement.

The winter school was taught by Mr. Benjamin R. Emerson of Nashua. Length of term, 7 weeks; whole number of scholars, 15; average attendance, 12; wages of teacher per month, including board, $17,60. A short and I think a profitable term. The examination was alike creditable to teacher and taught. Mr. Emerson has the qualifications of a first class teacher; and with experience will prove himself thus to be. He aimed at thoroughness in all that he undertook. The parents and friends of education, in this District, by their non-appearance at the close of school, and also by their non-acceptance of a special invitation to visit the school while in session, appeared to think that their children were being led by the fountains of knowledge and in the "paths of wisdom," so that they required no encouragement of theirs. *Two* visitor's names were recorded; neither of them residing in the District. Order was a marked characteristic of the school.

DISTRICT NO. 2.

The summer school was taught by Miss Fannie L. Conant, of Mont Vernon. Length of term, 10 weeks; whole number of scholars, 33; average attendance, 28; wages of teacher per month, including board, $14.

This school numbers more than any in town. Miss Conant commenced the school with more than ordinary literary qualifications. She had never taught before, and in some respects did not understand the wants of her youthful charge. She would maintain order by kindness, rather than by harsher methods. There are some who have never seen the superiority of this mode of government, and we cannot expect a teacher, in a few short weeks, to refine the coarser elements of such, and bring them into the path of obedience and self-respect. I observed at the close that "order" had not "reigned supreme" during the term. We need teachers of large experience, sound judgment, and those who understand "human nature," for our largest and most disorderly schools.

The winter term was taught by Mr. Edwin H. Wilson of Keene. Length of term, 9 weeks; whole number of scholars, 31; average attendance, 23; wages of teacher per month, including board, $28,00.

It was fortunate for the scholars that Mr. Wilson was secured to be their instructor. He is very well adapted, not only to instruct, but also to govern. He succeeded in awakening some interest on the part of his pupils, thereby making the term profitable to those concerned. As the deep and silent course of some mighty river bears unresistingly down, all that opposes, in its pathway to the great reservoir of waters, so he made no compromise with disorder, but swept it from his domain. Examination satisfactory.

DISTRICT NO. 3.

The summer school was taught by Miss Brina E. Crane, of Kingston. Length of term, 10 weeks; whole number of scholars. 9; average attendance, 8; wages of teacher per month, $8,00.

The District were fortunate in securing the services of Miss Crane to guide the affairs of the school room. She brought to her assistance the experience of many month's teaching, combined with other traits requisite for an instructor. The discipline was of a high order. The scholars were prompt in their recitations, showing that they had confidence in themselves and in their teacher.

The examination was satisfactory to those who were present.

The winter term was taught by Miss Rebecca Richardson of Woburn, Mass. Length of term, 14 weeks; whole number of scholars, 18; average attendance 15; wages of teacher per month, including board, $16,00.

Miss Richardson, like many of the teachers, was a beginner in the profession. We naturally criticise more closely, those who are just beginning a new vocation in life, rather than those who have long followed their professions; if we criticise more closely, we ought also to regard their deficiencies with leniency, and speak so that they may take courage and improve, instead of being disheartened. The number at the commencement was quite small—only nine—but increased to twice that number. Some in the District were very well satisfied; if any were dissatisfied, the reasons therefor were, so far as I could learn, that she began too easy, and they taking advantage of her mildness, compelled her to use sterner measures of government. We may observe where we will, that this course is almost invariably productive of evil; yet of "two evils we should choose the less." At the closing examination the school appeared well, and I was inclined to believe that the scholars had made advancement under her administration.

DISTRICT NO. 4.

There have been two terms in this District during the summer and autumn; both under the instruction of Miss Julia M. Pierce as teacher. Length of terms, 10 weeks each; whole number of scholars, 1st term, 23; 2d term, 24; average attendance, 19; wages of teacher, including board, per month, $12.00 and $16.00.

The opening prospects, judging from the remarks of the teacher, were not favorable for the interest of all concerned. A former teacher had given general satisfaction, and the District were united in securing her again; but the Prudential Committee saw fit to engage another, one in the District. Under these *unfavorable* circumstances she commenced. The first term appeared to move on harmoniously and for the improvement of the scholars, as did also the latter, till within a week or two of the close, when one member absented himself from school, "without a reasonable excuse" as Miss P. intimated by her remarks; but on hearing the cause I was satisfied that he was excusable, from the reason assigned; he did not leave on account of ill will to the teacher, but of necessity. Quite a large number of the parents were present at the close. The exercises passed off to the satisfaction of those present, interspersed with recitations and singing, well performed.

The winter term, being taught by Mr. H. P. Potter of Alstead, is still in session. Length of term, 14 weeks; whole number of scholars, 29; wages of teacher per month, including board, $28.00. The parents take the lead of any District in town in visiting their school, twenty visitors being present at the examination. I am glad to see such an interest manifested in *one* district, even. The examination as a general thing was fair, notwithstanding the embarrassment of the scholars. A *gain* of *ground* is not always

a *gain* of *knowledge*, unless we aim at *thoroughness* as we go. Let this but be remembered and there would be *less* back tracks in some of our schools, and *more* promptness in answering at the closing examination.

DISTRICT NO. 5.

The summer school was taught by Miss Sarah H. Prince of Amherst. Length of term 10 weeks; whole number of scholars, 24; average attendance, 21; wages of teacher per month, $9.00.

Perhaps I need not make any very extended remarks of this school, under a teacher of so large experience, further than to state the condition and improvement of the scholars in their various branches, which was commendable. Miss Prince interested herself and those under her care, in the wants of the District, to procure a set of Fowle's Outline Maps. If all would do the same, our school rooms would not present that naked appearance, which nearly all now do; and the rising generation would attest the truth, that impressions made by sight are more permanent and lasting than those made my hearing, be they ever so well explained.

The winter school was taught by Miss Prince. Length of term, 12 weeks; whole number of scholars, 32; average attendance, 27, wages of teacher per month, including board, $12.00.

The District secured the services of the same teacher for both summer and winter schools; showing that they were well satisfied with her manner of teaching. I was not present at the examination, on account of the traveling. So far as I am able to judge, it was a profitable term. The room in which the children congregate is a relic of by-gone days. The yankees, as a class are fond of preserving relics of antiquity and to hand down these remains, from father to son through successive generations. We have come to the conclusion that the people in this section of the town possess this trait to a remarkable degree, judging from the school-room. We know not when they will dare to break loose from this "tradition" and modernize "the edifice" of ancient time. Many a glad echo would reverberate, were the scholars to know that they could have a comfortable room; one where all would be on a "level," instead of peering, by gradation, above each other; leaving the teacher only the narrow space between the door and the stove, without a desk.

The teacher remarks;—"The general deportment of the older portion of the school, their attention to their studies, and the uniform respect which they have shown me, merit and receive my warmest approbation. I think if every parent would leave the managing of the school affairs to those to whom it rightfully belongs, they would save their own credit, besides rendering the teacher's task less perplexing. It seems to me better for a teacher to do her duty, as far as it is known, regardless of either praise or blame, and if she *pleases*, it is very well, and if not it is just as well.

The desire to *push* scholars ahead faster than they are capable of being *pushed*, is an erroneous one, and its effects, sooner or later, will be seen on the pupil. Parents should remember that,

> One talent cannot shine
> As brilliantly as several in the mine."

DISTRICT NO. 6.

The summer school was taught by Miss Laura J. Hamblett, of Manchester. Length of term, 10 weeks; whole number of scholars, 13; average attendance, 11; wages not reported by the teacher.

This was Miss Hamblett's first attempt to instruct the youth in our public schools. It is with teaching as with all things else, some show a tact for their calling at the outset, others labor to acquire it, while some few never attain it. The natural aptitude to teach and govern, she did not possess to a great degree; yet she labored for the intellectual improvement of those committed to her care. With more experience she may be useful as an instructor. Let parents visit the schools oftener, and thus encourage them in their field of labor. The closing exercises evinced improvement in the various branches pursued.

The winter school was taught by J. L. Boynton, of Warren.

Length of term, 10 weeks; whole number of scholars, 16; average attendance, 14; wages of teacher per month, including board, $18.00.

I found at the opening of the school, elements of success, which on being brought together, and made to harmonize, would produce satisfactory results; this we were gratified to find at the close.

Teacher, parents, and all interested, gave testimony that neither time nor money had been applied to anything but what "would pay." Without enumerating each and every branch that was attended to, I would say that credit belongs, not only to teacher, but to scholars, for their untiring efforts to render their school pleasant, instructive and agreeable.

DISTRICT NO. 7.

The summer school was taught by Miss Fannie A. McPherson. Length of term, 10 weeks; whole number of scholars, 17; average, attendance 15; wages of teacher a month, including board, $12,00,

Miss McPherson has been very successful in securing, as she has, the confidence of both parents and children, as a teacher, in her own District. Her school was characterized by good order, prompt answers, good reading, and in short by all those qualities that we find in a "No. 1" school. She seems to feel that impressions made upon the young and tender mind will have their influence in after life, and acting from this, she tries to lay the foundation deep and

sure. It would be well if all the Districts took the same interest in trying to promote the happiness of teachers and scholars as does this. Some small scholars here would put to silence, in reading and spelling, those who are much older, in some of our other schools.

The winter term was taught by Mr. John G. McAllaster, of Nashua. Length of term, 12 weeks; whole number of scholars, 19; average attendance, 17; wages of teacher per month, including board, $18.00.

Mr. McAllaster's manners at the commencement manifested that he had entered upon a new vocation, but this feeling gradually subsided as the term advanced.

His manner at the close was a little too hasty for the best interests of the school. A scholar if urged too much is more apt to lose confidence in himself than if he had sufficient time to collect his thoughts. After he has had more experience in teaching, he may see the better way. He did very well for his first endeavor. We were well pleased with the examination. We listened to some interesting remarks from your former, and very worthy Superentendent, Rev. Mr. Savage, who made the occasion agreeable by his presence.

"This District," the teacher remarks, "seems to possess that unity of feeling which is so advantageous to any school, each member being willing to accomodate his neighbor. Such being the state of feeling it would be almost impossible to have other than a pleasant school."

DISTRICT NO. 8.

The summer school was taught by Miss Georgianna Steele, of Amherst. Length of term, 12 weeks; whole number of scholars, 16; average attendance, 15; wages of teacher per month, board included, $14. I was fearful that Miss Steele's administration of affairs would not be as acceptable to the District, as might be desired; but I am happy to say that she gave good satisfaction to the District, and to your committee. The lessons were as nearly perfect as in any school in town. She seems to delight in trying to bend the "tender shoot" of the youthful mind, and to possess the tact of governing without giving offence. Order was very good.

The winter term was commenced by Mr. Daniel Austin, of Chicago, Ill, a person of no experiance as a teacher, and continued six weeks. I am not able to give the other statistical items, as I was not informed. The rupture of the school has prevented the children of the District from recieving the profit and instruction they otherwise might if nothing had opposed. The school opened with a prospect for good, but it was not long before "human nature" began to exercise its "wrongs" on the minds of some of the scholars, and not being met with that prudence and foresight by the teacher,

which the case demanded, it soon grew to "disloyal proportions," which was increasingly aroused by an attempt to restore the "rebels" to the existing government.

After this occurence, in which the teacher was fully sustained by the District, and myself, it was visble that his influence as a teacher was superseded, and, therefore, he withdrew leaving the term half finished. I cannot report the condition of the school relative to their studies, but in relation to government, it is sadly degenerating.

A most rigid disciplinarian is very much needed by this school to restore the "shattered fragments" to a harmonious whole.

DISTRICT NO. 9.

The summer school was taught by Miss Miriam B. Gilmore. Length of term, 8 weeks; whole number of scholars 9; average attendance 8; wages of teacher per month, including board, $11.00.

The school was characterized by good order and deportment. The teacher appeared to be interested, as were the scholars, in their respective duties. The examination was rendered pleasant and inviting by acquired knowledge, and, also, by the tasty arrangement of the "beauties of Nature" with which the room was hung.

The winter school was taught by the same teacher. Owing to sickness in the District the school did not commence till quite late. The opening prospects were good, and under the management of Miss Gilmore, I predict a successful school.

DISTRICT NO. 10.

The summer school was taught by Miss A. Jennie Parker, of Merrimack. Length of term, 12 weeks; whole number of scholars 24; average attendance 21; wages of teacher per month $9.00.

Under the instruction of so competent a teacher, the school was, what we might expect it to be, successful in its various parts.

Mildness, combined with decision, sustained a prominent part in the government of the school.

The winter term was taught by the same teacher. Length of term, 8 weeks; whole number of scholars, 32; average attendance, 27; wages of teacher per month, $12. The same results would, I doubt not, have been seen at the close of this, as at the close of the summer term, had we been privileged with an examination. Sickness among the scholars rendered it expedient to close with as little "stir" as possible.

Miss Parker, remarked that the term had passed pleasantly and without trouble.

DISTRICT NO. 11.

The summer school was taught by Mrs. Eliza A. Stevens. Length of term, 14 weeks; whole number of scholars 21, 8 from Merimack and 13 from this town; average attendance 20; wages of teacher, per month, $8.00. I was pleased with the opening prospect of the school. Mild and pleasant was the teacher in her discipline, under which, the scholars seemed desirous to improve, not only intellectually, but in all that renders life useful, pleasant, and happy. From the "School Register" I learn that all were "No 1" in "moral deportment," and all but one in "habits of study."

This speaks well for the scholars, and should lead others to imitate their example.

The winter school was taught by Miss Mary F. Darrah. Length of term, 11 1-2 weeks; whole number of scholars 16, average attendance 13; wages of teacher per month, including board, $13.40. The day, Dec. 6, on which the school closed, was the most blustering of any the past winter, rendering it very uncomfortable for scholars to attend; only six were present, and if we may be allowed to judge all by these, we would say, that the school prospered, and indicated good improvement.

DISTRICT NO. 12.

The summer school was taught by Miss Hannah T. W. Nevins. Length of term, 8 weeks; whole number of scholars 16; average attendance 11; wages of teacher per month $8. You are all familiar with the name, and reputation of this teacher; no words of mine, would add to the many encomiums, from more gifted pens.

The winter school was taught by Leonard J. Brown. Length of term, 11 1-2 weeks; whole number of scholars 18; average attendance 15; wages of teacher per month, $14.00. A very pleasant school.

UNION DISTRICT.

But one term, of 9 2-3 weeks has been kept during the year, taught by Miss Adaline E. Adams, of New Boston. Whole number of scholars 14; average attendance 12; wages of teacher per month, board included, $12.50. Miss Adams entered upon her labors aided by some experience; yet she did not have that tact in governing which some possess, "Heaven's first Law" was, nearly a "minus quantity" putting to silence the earnest and praiseworthy efforts, that "live" in harmony and quiet. Scholars should be taught at the commencement of school, if they have never learned it before, that "order" and improvement go hand in hand.

This district formerly sustained two terms in the year, but by this

course, the scholars were getting "too wise" or for some other reason, they have reduced it to one short term. We have but very few schools composed of so intelligent scholars, that they require but one term a year, in which to recuperate their naturally retentive memories.

APPENDIX.

School Books.—The multiplicity of school books, demands that I should say something in relation to them.

If parents, when they purchase text books for their children, would get those recommended by the Committee, they would speedily rectify an evil that seriously impairs the success of our schools.

We have too many different kinds of text books in most of our schools. Parents! will you assist the Committee in reducing them to the right kind and number? It may give the "pocket" a call, but never mind, it will pay good interest.

Government.—Those who are interested in the cause of education are inquiring for the cause of unsuccessful schools. It will be my object to state briefly, one or more of the causes. It is not the increased expenditure of money or the many facilities we enjoy for improvement. It is not that the friends of education, generally, are devoting too much attention to the subject; it is not that teachers are deficient in literary qualifications; it is not that we undervalue the worth of the free school system, on the mind of the rising generation and on the generations yet to be; it is not that we are willing that teachers, who are "apt to teach" should "spend and be spent," for that which will be of no avail. It is none of these negative causes that operate against the progress of our schools.

One great cause, is found in the laxity of home discipline. We cannot expect that children will attend school and become willing and obedient scholars, when they have been under little or no restraint at home. We cannot reasonably expect that when they are corrected, at school, they will understand that "order" must reign supreme, and all, whether young or old, large or small, must be governed by the same rule of justice, but may expect, and most reasonably too, that they will complain of, and try to their utmost,

to have the teacher reprimanded or dismissed from service; their parents, taking part with them, sustain the proceeding as related by their "darling child" without inquiring what led to the "sad catastrophe," when, if they but knew the full details, sound judgment, and correct understanding of the teacher, would be proved.

This evil has increased to its present proportion, by the interference of those who think it the better part of valor, to meddle with what does not belong to them. If children are placed under the care of a teacher, they should be compelled to conform to all of the reasonable requirements of the school. Let them not question the authority of the teacher, and be sustained by their parents, but let them learn obedience at home, and then this evil will disappear, never, we hope to return.

In reporting the wages, I have copied from the Registers. In some instances, the teacher has boarded with the scholars, thus including board, in other instances they have not.

I would say in closing my report, that I have endeavored to discharge my duties acceptably to the town, and for the interest of the schools.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

LEONARD J. BROWN.

Supt'g. School Committee.

Bedford, N. H., Feb, 28, 1863.

BOOKS USED.

Town and Holbrook's Progressive Series of Readers; Greenleaf's, Adams', Colburn's and Holbrook's Arithmetics; Wells' Grammar and Towers Elements; Colton and Fitch's Geographies; Town and Holbrook's Progressive Speller and Definer.

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